CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2631
Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 2631 would authorize the appropriation of $30 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2011 for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office in the Department of Homeland Security to develop programs to improve nuclear forensics and attribution (the process of identifying the source of nuclear or radiological material). CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost $90 million over the 2009-2013 period, subject to appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 2631 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2631 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2631 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	30	30	30	0	0	90
Estimated Outlays	9	18	30	21	12	90

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2631 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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